

# Deori language

**Deori**<sup>[3]</sup> is a Tibeto-Burman language in the Sino-Tibetan language family spoken by the Deori people of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.<sup>[4]</sup> Only one clan of the Deori tribe, the Dibongya, has retained the language, the others having shifted to Assamese, but among the Dibongya it is vigorous. .<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Deori is spoken in Lohit district, Arunachal Pradesh, and in Lakhimpur district, Dhemaji district, Tinsukia district, and Jorhat district of Assam.

The Deori word for water is "Di/Dji", which apparently forms the first syllable of all major rivers of Upper Assam including Dibang, Disang, Dikhou, Dikrong, Dikarai, Dihing, Digaru, Difolu, which shows that this group of people were the dominant tribe in the entire region with their seat in Sadiya, the earliest known power and civilisation of Deori<sup>[7]</sup>

Some of the words of Deori language present in Assamese are:

Deori	
Chutia, Deori-Chutia	
<b>Native to</b>	India
<b>Region</b>	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Deori
<b>Native speakers</b>	32,376 (2011 census) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sal<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bodo-Garo<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Deori</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
<b>Writing system</b>	Assamese script
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	der
<b>Glottolog</b>	deor1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/deor1238) <sup>[2]</sup>

Deori word	Assamese word	Meaning
Khang	Khong	Anger
Arsing	Arhi	Mirror
Auja	Auja	Rest
Atiru	Ati	Highland
Pulunga	Pulunga	Straight
Lakia	Lekhia	Similar
Jung	Jung	Spear
Mijima	Mihi	Smooth
On	On	Yes
Numoi	Numoli	Little girl
Norani	Nora	Straw
Dong	Dong	Irrigation Channel
Dekagu	Deka	Young man
Kalahaas	Kalahas	Alkaline prepared from banana stem
Kharisa	Kharisa	Bamboo Shoot
Bisu	Bihu	Folk Festival of Assam
Anali	Anali	Troubles
Tangan	Tangan	Beating Stick
Boutar	Batar	Weather
Haphalu	Haphalu	Out Hill
Jakhala	Jakhala	Ladder
Hoja	Hoja	Simple
Jiyori	Jiyori	Girl
Uyung	Uyi	Termite
Dokhar	Dokhar	Piece of cut off
Mena	Mena	Crooked
Habang	Hebang	Silly
Bonda	Bonda	Male cat
Chang	Chang	Platform
Seu	Seu	Habit
Meli	Meli	Open
Lapha	Lapha	A type of green-leafy be
Khaofi	Ufi	Dandruff
Aapa	Aapa	Boys
Medali	Madoli	A type of Assamese Jewelry
Jakoi	Jakoi	Fishing tool
Khaloi	Khaloi	Basket

Dati	Dati	Border
Dolong	Dolong	Bridge
Ketenga	Ketenga	Thin/Feeble
Chutuga	Chuti	Short
Hichori	Huchori	Bihu Carol
Dheki	Dheki	Grinding tool
Hata	Heta	Spatula
Hajia	Hajia	Labor
Agu	Athu	Knee
Ka	Kai	Brother
Jiku	Jik	Wet
Gila	Ghila	Knee cap
Eri	Eri	Eri silk
Gadu	Gadu	Pillow
Gumorua	Guborua	Beetle
Hasu	Hasu	Sneeze
Hami	Hami	Yawn
Hogora	Hogora	A Deer species
Kera	Kera	Displaced eye
Keturi	Keturi	A kind of turmeric
Kekura	Kekura	Crooked
Kokiri	Kekura	Crab
Magur	Magur	Cat fish
Sogun	Hogun	Vulture
Soru	Horu	Small
Temi	Temi	Container
Sun	Sun	Lime
Borola	Borola	Widower
Besoni	Bisoni	Handfan
Jeng	Jeng	Bush
Pei	Pehi	Aunty
Jabor	Jabor	Waste
Hapholu	Hapholu	Out hill
Kusia	Kusia	Eel
Kerketua	Kerketuwa	Squirrel
Fosola	Posola	Banana stem
Ghorali	Goral	Cage
Gosok	Gosok	Step

Ukha	Ukha	Breath
Dhekia	Dhekia	Fern
Amoto	Amothu	Heart
Guwa	Guwa	Areca nut
Hiloi	Hiloi	Gun
Suruka	Suruka	Clean
Hereka	Hereka	Tasteless
Kuduna	Khundona	Grind
Takun	Takun	Stick
Jobura	Jobura	Vegetable curry
Kharoli	Kharoli	Mustard paste
Likota	Likota	Sticky
Hao	Hao	Curse
Umoni	Umoni	Incubate
Ubiriba	Uburu Huwa	Lying chest down
Sereng-sereng	Sereng-sereng	Excessive heat of sun
Robju	Robo/Roba	Wait

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